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To: House Bill No. **7023**

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"AN ACT AUTHORIZING SHORT-TERM CARE GROUP INSURANCE POLICIES, PERMITTING HEALTH CARE CENTERS TO CHARGE COINSURANCE, AMENDING THE INSURERS REHABILITATION AND LIQUIDATION ACT AND REQUIRING THAT INSURERS ISSUE NOTICES TO INSUREDS REGARDING PERSONAL AND COMMERCIAL RISK POLICIES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 38a-510 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *January 1, 2018*):

6 (a) No insurance company, hospital service corporation, medical
7 service corporation, health care center or other entity delivering,
8 issuing for delivery, renewing, amending or continuing an individual
9 health insurance policy or contract that provides coverage for
10 prescription drugs may:

11 (1) Require any person covered under such policy or contract to

12 obtain prescription drugs from a mail order pharmacy as a condition
13 of obtaining benefits for such drugs; or

14 (2) Require, if such insurance company, hospital service corporation,
15 medical service corporation, health care center or other entity uses step
16 therapy for such drugs, the use of step therapy for (A) any prescribed
17 drug for longer than sixty days, or (B) a prescribed drug for cancer
18 treatment for an insured who has been diagnosed with stage IV
19 metastatic cancer provided such prescribed drug is in compliance with
20 approved federal Food and Drug Administration indications.

21 (3) At the expiration of [such] the time period specified in
22 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of this subsection or for a
23 prescribed drug described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of
24 this subsection, an insured's treating health care provider may deem
25 such step therapy drug regimen clinically ineffective for the insured, at
26 which time the insurance company, hospital service corporation,
27 medical service corporation, health care center or other entity shall
28 authorize dispensation of and coverage for the drug prescribed by the
29 insured's treating health care provider, provided such drug is a
30 covered drug under such policy or contract. If such provider does not
31 deem such step therapy drug regimen clinically ineffective or has not
32 requested an override pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of
33 this section, such drug regimen may be continued. For purposes of this
34 section, "step therapy" means a protocol or program that establishes
35 the specific sequence in which prescription drugs for a specified
36 medical condition are to be prescribed.

37 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 38a-544 of the general statutes is
38 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
39 *January 1, 2018*):

40 (a) No insurance company, hospital service corporation, medical
41 service corporation, health care center or other entity delivering,
42 issuing for delivery, renewing, amending or continuing a group health
43 insurance policy or contract that provides coverage for prescription

44 drugs may:

45 (1) Require any person covered under such policy or contract to
 46 obtain prescription drugs from a mail order pharmacy as a condition
 47 of obtaining benefits for such drugs; or

48 (2) Require, if such insurance company, hospital service corporation,
 49 medical service corporation, health care center or other entity uses step
 50 therapy for such drugs, the use of step therapy for (A) any prescribed
 51 drug for longer than sixty days, or (B) a prescribed drug for cancer
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 53 metastatic cancer provided such prescribed drug is in compliance with
 54 approved federal Food and Drug Administration indications.

55 (3) At the expiration of [such] the time period specified in
 56 subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of this subsection or for a
 57 prescribed drug described in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of
 58 this subsection, an insured's treating health care provider may deem
 59 such step therapy drug regimen clinically ineffective for the insured, at
 60 which time the insurance company, hospital service corporation,
 61 medical service corporation, health care center or other entity shall
 62 authorize dispensation of and coverage for the drug prescribed by the
 63 insured's treating health care provider, provided such drug is a
 64 covered drug under such policy or contract. If such provider does not
 65 deem such step therapy drug regimen clinically ineffective or has not
 66 requested an override pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of
 67 this section, such drug regimen may be continued. For purposes of this
 68 section, "step therapy" means a protocol or program that establishes
 69 the specific sequence in which prescription drugs for a specified
 70 medical condition are to be prescribed."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2018	38a-510(a)
Sec. 2	January 1, 2018	38a-544(a)

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